

issue seems not to be settled with sufficient legal precision ; therefore,

Persons manumitting slaves after a certain period or event, may determine the condition of issue born before.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of February, eighteen hundred and ten, if any negro or mulatto female slave, by testament or last will, or deed of manumission, shall be declared to be free after any given period of service, or at any stipulated age, or upon the performance of any condition, or on the event of any contingency, it shall be lawful for the person making such last will and testament, or executing such deed of manumission to fix and determine in the same the state and condition of the issue that may be born of such negro or mulatto female slave during their period of service.

If they do not determine their condition, issue to be slaves.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any person after the first day of February aforesaid, shall make a last will and testament, or execute any deed of manumission, whereby any negro or mulatto female slave shall be declared free after a service for years, or at any specified age, or upon the performance of any condition, or on the event of any contingency, and such person, in their said last will and testament, or deed of manumission, shall not fix or limit the state and condition of the issue that may be born of such negro or mulatto female slave, that then the state and condition of such issue shall be that of a slave, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 172.

AN ACT to continue certain Acts of Assembly.

Acts continued.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all and every act or acts of assembly, which are limited by law to continue to the end of the present session of assembly, or which would expire during the same, or before the end of the next general assembly, be and they are hereby severally continued until the thirty-first day of October next, and until the end of the next session of assembly, unless such as are repugnant to, or inconsistent with, any law which may have passed during the present session of assembly, and subject to any alterations which may have been made therein ; *Provided,* nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to the act of assembly passed at November session, in the year eighteen hundred and eight,* entitled, a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes, or to the several supplements to the said original act, passed at the same session,† and at June session, eighteen hundred and nine.‡

Proviso.

* Chap. 19.

† Chap. 115.

‡ Chap. 15.